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1. IN AN INTERVIEW TODAY WITH ONE OF OUR CONTACTS, HE MENTIONED AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE THREE OR FOUR JUNE 1954 ISSUE OF SANTIAGO, CHILE'S DAILY SENSATION SHEET, ULTIMA HORA, DEALING WITH AN INTERVIEW WITH GUATEMALA'S AMBASSADOR AT LARGE, JUAN JOSE AREVALO and WHICH QUOTED AREVALO, ON THE SUBJECT OF THE RECENT SHIPMENT OF ARMS FROM POLAND TO GUATEMALA, AS BEING APPREHENSIVE OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF A REVOLT IN GUATEMALA. AREVALO IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE EXPLAINED HIS APPREHENSION BY OBSERVING THAT, IF THE GUATEMALAN PATTERN OF DEALING WITH THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY OF SOME FIVE HUNDRED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, CUBA, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS AND PANAMA, WHEREAS IT WOULD COST THE FRUIT COMPANY ONLY APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO FINANCE A REVOLUTION IN GUATEMALA.

2. THIS STATEMENT BY AREVALO MAY POSSIBLY HAVE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT ITS LANGUAGE IS PRACTICALLY IDENTICAL WITH WHAT GUATEMALA'S MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS GUILLERMO TORIELLO GARRIDO IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID TO MUTUAL BROADCASTING COMPANY'S CEDRIC FOSTER, AS SET FORTH IN AND INVIEW OF THE POSSIBLE FUTURE ALLEGATION OF THE IMPORT OF ARMS INTO GUATEMALA BY THE FRUIT CO.

3. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, AREVALO IS THE MASTER MIND BEHIND THE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF GUATEMALA, DATING FROM THE XX JUNTA FOLLOWING THE OVERTHROW OF UBICO, WHICH INCLUDED ARBENZ AND JORGE TORIELLO, AND THE FACT THAT THE COMMUNISTS BEGAN REALLY TAKING OVER DURING AREVALO'S ADMINISTRATION AS PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA.

4. OUR CONTACT ALSO SAYS THAT AREVALO HAS BEEN TRAVELING AROUND LATIN AMERICA FOR SOME TIME, STIRRING UP TROUBLE AND FOSTERING COMMUNISM AND THAT THE SITUATION IN CHILE TODAY IS FULLY AS EXPLOSIVE AND DANGEROUS AS THE SITUATION IN GUATEMALA, ALBEIT ATTENDANT WITH LESS PUBLICITY. OUR SOURCE FURTHER STATED THAT THE PATTERN OF COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IS CHANGING, IN THAT ALL OF THE OLD AND NOTORIOUS COMMUNIST SUPPORTERS ARE FADING OUT OF THE PICTURE, BECAUSE OTHERWISE THE US MIGHT HAVE ENTIRELY TOO SMOOTH SAILING BEFORE THE OAS BY LINKING THESE NAMES WITH INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM, SHOULD THEY CONTINUE IN THE FORE IN LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. HE SAID THAT THEY ARE BEING REPLACED WITH NEW AND RELATIVELY UNKNOWN NAMES, AND THAT THE NEWCOMERS ARE MORE OF THE SCHOOLTEACHER TYPE, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY BOLIVIA'S VICTOR PAZ ESTENSSORO. HE ASCRIBED THE REMOVAL OF FORTUNY TO THIS NEW TREND, BECAUSE FORTUNY WAS TOO EASILY IDENTIFIED WITH COMMUNISM.

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5. DURING THE COURSE OF OUR INTERVIEW, OUR CONTACT ALSO REPORTED HAVING RECEIVED A THREATENING TELEPHONE MESSAGE AT APPROXIMATELY 1:15 P.M., 7 JAN 54, FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN WITH A STRONG SPANISH ACCENT, AS FOLLOWS: "YOU BRAG ABOUT WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT GUATEMALA WELL, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO KNOW TO BRAG. YOU'LL HEAR FROM ME AGAIN." OUR CONTACT IS NOT WORRIED OVER THE THREAT, AND SPECULATES THAT IT WAS PROMPTED EITHER BY HIS GIVING TO THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS THE FACT OF THE ARRIVAL IN THE US OF DANIEL CACERES OF ~~PO~~ POSSIBLE NEWSWORTHINESS.

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